1.1.1997		4341*
1.1.1998		7036*
1.1.1999	:	7263**

* Information as received by DOPT from 64 Ministries/ Departments.

**Information as received by DOPT from 49 Ministries/ Departments.

As per the information received from Department of Public Enterprises (DPE) in November, 2000, the number of persons in position in 1991 Central PSUs is 8840.

Programme of Rehabilitation of Disabled Persons in Karnataka

4056. SHRI K. C. KONDAIAH: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Karnataka Government has taken up the National Programme of Rehabilitation of Persons with Disabilities in various districts of Karnataka;

(b) if so, which are the districts selected for the implementation of the above programme in Karnataka;

(c) the amount released by Government during 2000-2001 to Karnataka under the above project; and

(d) which are the new districts proposed to be covered in Karnataka during 2001-2002?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWRMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GNDHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The National Programme of Rehabilitation of Persons with Disabilities (NPRPD) is a State Sector Scheme. As per the information provided by the State Government the districts

selected under the scheme during the year 2000-2001 are Mysore, Tumkur and Bellary.

(c) During the period 2000-2001, Rs. 198.35 lakhs were released under NPRPD programme.

(d) While proposal for 2001-2002 under NPRPD from some states including Karnataka have been received, the selection of districts is to be done on the basis of criteria laid down for State/ UT wise allocation of districts and availability of funds.

Special funds for imparting education to handicapped children

† 4057. SHRI BRATIN SENGUPTA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposals from the State Governments to allocate special funds for imparting education to the handicapped children;

(b) whether she has forwarded any proposal to the Ministry of Human Resource Development for this purpose so as to implement this scheme with the co-ordination of both the Ministries; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) A project entitled 'support to children with disabilities' with financial assistance from UNDP is being implemented in UP and Karnataka. Proposals have been received from these States for allocation of funds under the Project.

(b) The project is being implemented with the coordination, *inter-alia*, of the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment and Ministry of Human Resource Development, as the National Steering Committee which oversees the implementation of the project, has representatives from both the Ministries.

(c) The Project aims to provide education in the most

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.